GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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MIGRATION OF NURSES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nurses are getting jobs in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the number of Nurses who have gone abroad for jobs during each of last three years;

(c) whether such nurses are well employed;

(d) if so, the details of their general emoluments in such countries;

(e) whether the Government propose to encourage such migration; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (f): Certain categories of workers including Nurses possessing qualifications recognised under the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 are entitled to obtain classification of `Emigration Check Not Required(ECNR)`on their passports. As such, Nurses are not required to seek emigration clearance from the Offices of Protector of Emigrants, and therefore, no separate recordof nurses leaving the country for jobs abroad is maintained. The terms and conditions of employment of nurses differ from country to country as also from employer to employer in the same country. Generally, there have been no complaints from the nurses against their employers, implying that they are satisfied with the terms and conditions of employment. The Government is not directly involved in the recruitment of any category of workers, including nurses, for placement with foreign employers. The workers, including nurses, are generally recruited by the recruiting agents on the basis of the demand letter and power of attorney issued by the foreign employers in their favour.